

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 4:30 pm in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Chair Erickson, Duane Pierce, Louise Dahlke, Jerry Polus, Kerry Metoxen

EXCUSED: Ken Corry, Joan Brusky, Ed Koslowski

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernie Erickson at 4:30 pm.

2. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Louise Dahlke to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Approve/Modify Minutes of June 19, 2018.

Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Kerry Metoxen to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. Update re: Honor Rewards Program.

CVSO Jerry Polus said this program continues to grow and there are now 299 Honor Rewards members. There will be a representative from the Register of Deeds office at the Fair to sign members up. Polus will try to solicit more businesses to participate in the fall.

5. Discussion re: 2018 Veterans' Appreciation Day at the Brown County Fair.

a. Distribution of posters and tickets.

Erickson informed he asked for speakers for the Fair at each of the reserve and guard units right after the last meeting, but he did not get a response from any of them so he will attempt this again. Louise Dahlke suggested Erickson contact someone at Denmark Middle School regarding a speaker as they do a Veterans Day ceremony each year with a speaker from the National Guard and they may be able to point Erickson in the right direction. Polus suggested another meeting be held prior to the Fair and it was decided to meet on August 14 and Polus indicated he should have the event agenda finalized by that time.

Polus said he has received confirmation from 12 agencies and programs that will have tables in the tent. He also indicated he received a request from the ADRC for more tickets and he is in the process of having more printed.

Erickson provided the group with one of the dog tags that will be given out at the Fair and requested that 200 certificates be printed and ready along with a check for the band.

6. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus.

Polus informed his department continues to work on their budget.

7. Reports from Committee Members present (Erickson, Brusky, Corry, Dahlke, Haskins, Koslowski, Metoxen, Pierce).

-Dahlke informed that because the Veterans event was moved to Sunday, the Fair may be able to help with tables. The tables are used for judging but that should be done by Saturday. She also brought up the posters and the change the Fair asked for. It was noted the posters had been printed by the time the issue was brought up so the changes requested will be made on next year's posters. Dahlke also took several posters to put up at the Fair and she will let Jim Haskins know that. With regard to the banners, Dahlke has been advised by the Fair that they are not sure that Pepsi will be able to make the banners because the Pepsi logo may be too large and the Subcommittee may not like it. She has not heard back to know what size logo they were thinking about, but after discussing this, the Subcommittee decided that the size of the logo would not be an issue.

-Metoxen indicated he just completed his office agenda and things are fairly quiet now. He said he recently attended the LPGA and he talked about the veterans tent that was on the course. The tent was open to all veterans and there was complimentary food and drinks. He estimated about 450 veterans took part in the activities in the tent.

-Pierce informed the Pearly Gates Ride held last weekend was a big success. The number of bikes and hotrods was about the same as last year. Music by The Cougars was very well received and all of the raffles did very well. He will provide more information as to final numbers at the next meeting. He explained that the Gates Committee which includes several members from DVA, Desert Vets and Combat Vets make determinations as to the larger disbursements. Then a cut is given to those three organizations and they determine how to distribute their cuts. Polus said if a donation of about \$3,000 could be made to the emergency fund in his office, it would be very, very helpful. Pierce said he would let the Gates Committee know that.

Pierce also reminded the group that the traveling wall will be coming to Crivitz over Labor Day weekend and he will provide more information as he receives it. Events scheduled as of this time include a motorcycle escort into town on May 28 from Menominee. The wall will be set up Wednesday and an opening ceremony will be held on Thursday. There will be a candlelight vigil on Friday night and a big ceremony on Saturday, including a table ceremony by Rolling Thunder. Closing ceremonies will be held on Sunday afternoon. Vietnam Vets will be doing echo taps to close the event.

-Erickson shared a story with the group about where Kilroy came from.

8. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.**

9. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Kerry Metoxen to adjourn at 5:06 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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